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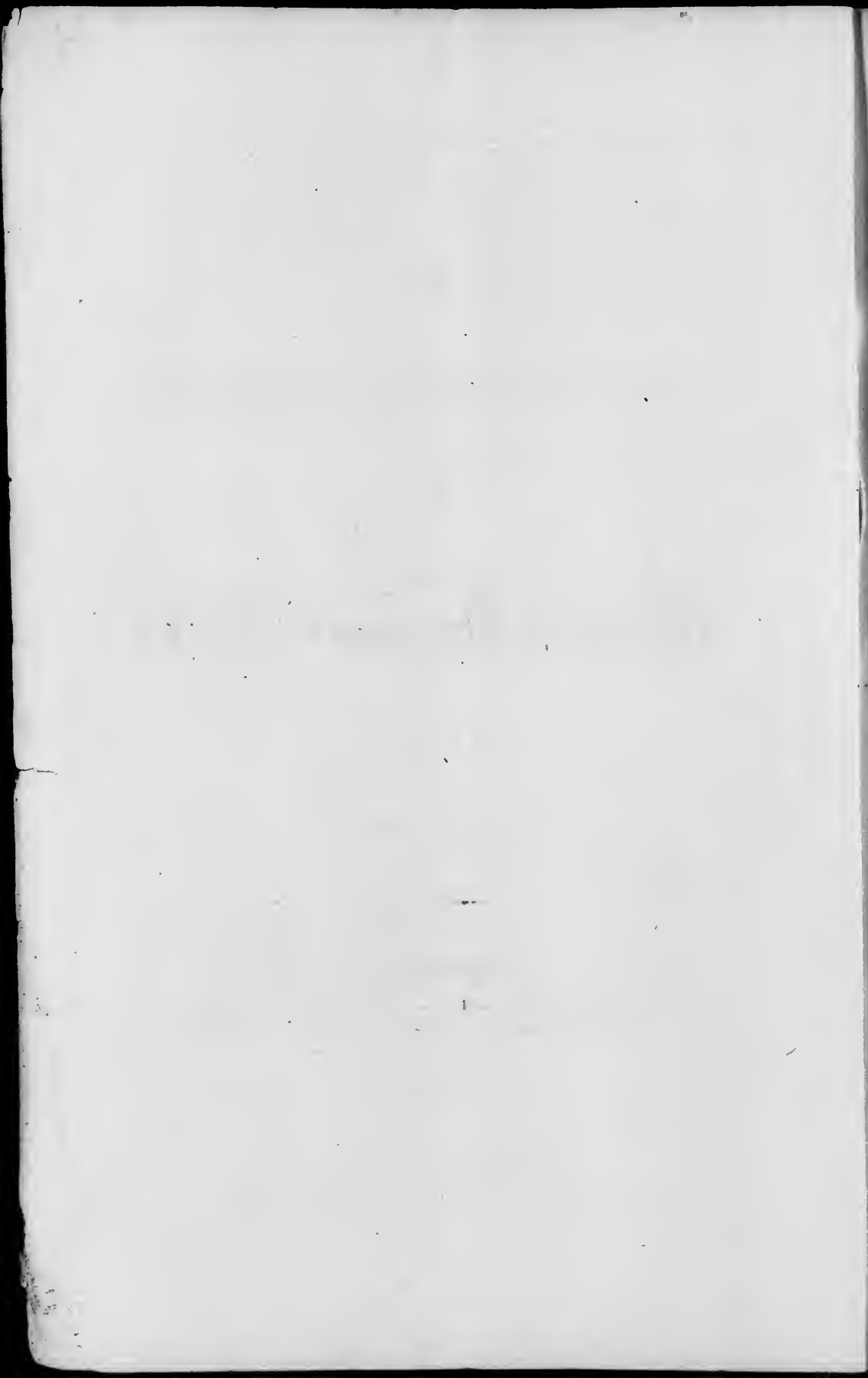
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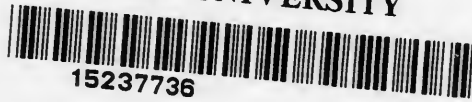
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On motion, the President was requested to appoint the Committee on Journals, to revise and correct the roll of ministers who have membership in this Conference, which motion prevailed, and the following brethren were appointed: F. W. Weldon, R. S. McGarrity, J. B. McDaniel, S. S. McGarrity.

On motion of I. G. Mitchell, all M. P. Church brethren, and all ministers visiting our body, are entitled to honorary seats, and the usual courtesies extended to such members. Carried.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed a Committee on Pulpit Services: R. S. McGarrity, J. W. Black and J. B. McDaniel.

On motion, the bar of the Conference was defined to four seats in front of the Chair, and the seats to right and left of the Chair.

On motion of F. H. M. Henderson, that the election of officers be taken up on Friday at 10 o'clock A. M. Carried.

On motion, Conference adjourned until 2 P. M. to hear the Introductory Sermon, preached by Rev. W. B. Armstrong, from 2d Corinthians, 5th chapter and 20th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

Conference reassembled. Was called to order by the President, and, a quorum being present, proceeded to business.

The examination of ministerial character was taken up, and the following brethren, who were present, and those who were represented, were called, and their characters passed: J. O. A. Radford, J. M. McCalmon, W. S. Johnson, S. C. Masters, W. J. Causey, J. A. McGarrity, O. Reeves, F. H. M. Henderson, F. W. Weldon, Jno. G. Coldwell.

Pending the passage of the character of T. T. Key, on motion, the regular business was suspended to arrange homes for the ministers, delegates and visitors, which being accomplished, Conference adjourned, with the benediction, to meet at 8 1-2 A. M. Friday. Preaching at 7 1-2 P. M. by Rev. F. W. Weldon, 2d chapter and 3d verse of Hebrews.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, 8 1-2 A. M.

Conference was called to order by the President, and opened with religious services by Rev. O. Reeves.

On motion, Thursday's minutes were read and confirmed.

On motion, Conference corrected the error of delegates in attendance, and Rev. W. P. Bryant was seated as a delegate from Palmetto Circuit.

The Committee on Publication, for 1875, submitted the following report, which was taken up and adopted:

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To cash from Conference Steward.....	\$27 55
Public collection.....	14 85
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	\$42 40

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By cash paid out for printing 500 minutes.....	\$30 00
Postage	2 60
Secretary's fee.....	10 00
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	\$42 60
Deficit.....	20

The Committee on Church Property, in the city of Atlanta, reported as follows:

WHEREAS, I was appointed at the last Annual Conference to look after the church property in the city of Atlanta, I find the church property well taken care of by brother I. G. Mitchell, and recommend that the property be placed in charge of the trustees of Peach-tree Church, and that they be requested to give a report to each Annual Conference.

J. B. McDANIEL, Agent.

On motion, the above met with the unanimous consent of the Conference.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following as delegates to this Conference:

Palmetto Circuit—J. Hanley.

Walton Circuit—J. W. Black, David Mobley.

Carroll Circuit—A. A. McAllister.

The President appointed the following committees:

On the State of the Church—F. H. M. Henderson, E. Morris, W. D. Mitchell, W. L. Morris, and E. B. Fendley.

On Itinerancy and Orders—F. H. M. Henderson, J. G. Coldwell, J. B. McDaniel, G. W. Morris, S. S. McGarrity.

On Finance—E. Morris, R. S. McGarrity, C. L. Bowie, J. C. Griffin, W. D. Mitchell.

On Appeals—J. M. McCalmon, C. P. Lynch, F. W. Weldon.

On Stationing the Ministers—W. B. Armstrong, I. G. Mitchell, J. B. McDaniel, J. W. Beatey, C. L. Bowie.

Standing District Committee—S. C. Masters, J. B. Morris, A. J. Cook, Jno. W. Beatey, J. B. McDaniel.

On Boundaries—H. H. Haisten, W. L. Morris, E. Morris, J. W. Black, E. B. Fendley.

On Publication and Obituaries—Jno. G. Coldwell, F. H. M. Henderson, R. T. Bowie.

On Journals—R. S. McGarrity, F. W. Weldon, J. B. McDaniel, S. S. McGarrity.

The election of President and Secretary being the special order of the day, at 10 o'clock, was taken up with the following result: G. W. Morris, President; R. T. Bowie, Secretary; J. G. Coldwell, Assistant.

On motion, the name of J. O. A. Radford was put on the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, in place of G. W. Morris, elected President. Carried.

WHEREAS, A complaint has reached this Conference against brother F. M. Allen, resolved, that his character be referred to a special committee to ascertain the facts at their earliest convenience, and to report to the President, and that a disciplinary course be instituted if necessary.

Committee on F. M. Allen—J. O. A. Radford, O. Reeves, I. G. Mitchell.

On motion, the passage of the character of T. T. Key be laid on the table for the present. Carried.

The examination of ministerial character being resumed, the following names were called and their characters passed: W. B. Armstrong, T. M. Smith, I. G. Mitchell, R. S. McGarrity, T. M. Moore, J. M. Biggers, P. R. DuPriest, John Thurman, T. J. Biggers, G. Harlin, S. Moore, E. B. Fendley.

Colored Charge—George Barge, James Robinson, George Houseworth, all colored.

The memorial from Maryland Conference was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Communication from the METHODIST PROTESTANT referred to the same.

Report of George Barge, colored, referred to same committee.

James Smith, colored, received as a delegate from the colored mission.

The report of the Committee on Journals was taken up and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Journals beg leave to make the following report: Your committee have examined the journals, and find them kept in fair hand, and in a manner altogether creditable to our ex-Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. S. McGARRITY, Chairman.

Moved, that the recommendation of the Walton Circuit, in brother Black's case, be referred to Committee on Itinerancy. Carried.

The hour of 11 A. M. having arrived, Conference, on motion, continued its session in the M. P. Church, while religious services were conducted in the Baptist Church by Rev. I. G. Mitchell. Text: Matthew 5th and 8th.

Revs. George Barge, James Robinson and George Houseworth, all colored, were introduced to the Conference and received as fraternal delegates.

Rev. George Barge, colored, being called, appeared before the Conference and made the following report:

Campbellton Circuit—Two meeting houses, 136 members, one minister, one licentiate. Property, \$400.

On motion, Conference took a recess until 1 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reassembled, the President in the chair, and, a quorum present, proceeded to business.

The following report of the Boundary Committee was read, amended and adopted as a whole:

We, the Committee on Boundaries, beg leave to make the following report:

Randolph Circuit—No change.

Walton Circuit—No change.

DeKalb Circuit—No change, except the addition of Peach-tree Church.

Bowdon Circuit—To consist of the following churches: Antioch, Temple, Bowdon, Shady Grove, Farmville, and New Hope.

Tallapoosa Circuit—Union, Lenity, Smith's Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Mt. Carmel, Liberty Hill, and Beech Creek.

Henry Circuit—Mt. Carmel, Mt. Pleasant, Bethel, Center, Tirzah, Sharon Grove, and New Bethany.

Gordon Circuit—Was enlarged by the addition of Walker Circuit, and made to comprise the following churches: Pleasant Grove, Reeves' Station, Fowler's Chapel, Mills' Chapel, Bethel, Pine Grove, Shiloh, and Nickajack.

Laurel Branch Circuit—No change.

Palmetto and Coweta Circuits united, receiving the name of Palmetto Circuit, with the following churches: Poplar Spring, Concord, Owl Rock, Hopewell, Pleasant Grove, Mt. Zion.

Hampton Station—No change.

MISSIONS.

Blooming Hill Mission—No change.

Yellow River Mission—Austin's Chapel and adjacent country.

Campbellton Circuit, colored—Zion, Rocky Head, and Poplar Spring.

Sandy Creek Mission, colored—Bethlehem, Sand Creek, and surrounding country.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY H. HAISTEN, Chairman.

The following Sabbath-school report was read, received and adopted:

I hereby beg leave to make the following report on Sabbath-schools of the Georgia District, Methodist Protestant Church:

SABBATH-SCHOOLS.	No. Schools.	No. Superintendents.	No. Teachers.	No. Students.	No. Conversions.
Hampton Station.....	1	1	4	55	
DeKalb Circuit.....	2	2	13	170	10
Peachtree Mission.....	1	1	4	35	2
Palmetto Circuit.....	5	5		272	
Walton Circuit.....	3	3	12	100	3
Flint River Circuit.....					
Gordon Circuit.....	5	5	12	200	
Bowdon Circuit.....	4	4	20	160	
Carroll Circuit.....	3	3	12	100	
Blooming Hill Mission.....	2	2	10	60	
Grand Total.....	26	26	87	1152	15

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. MORRIS, Sabbath-school Agent.

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F. H. M. HENDERSON, Chairman.

At the request of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, their report was recommitted by unanimous consent, and was again returned with the following amendment:

That, owing to certain advices received concerning brother Morgan's general character, we recommend that he be not ordained Elder.

Which report, with the amendment, was adopted.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at 7 A. M. Saturday. Preaching at night by Rev. W. B. Armstrong.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, 7 o'clock A. M.

President in the chair, and a quorum present.

Conference was opened by reading a portion of Scripture, and prayer by Rev. F. W. Weldon.

The minutes of the previous day were read and confirmed.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted, and is as follows:

We, the Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report: We recommend that the sum of \$440 be raised by the circuits, stations and missions of the Georgia District as a salary for the President for the ensuing year, and that each circuit, station and mission pay the amounts annexed to them; and we further recommend, that each Superintendent take up a collection at each of the appointments in his charge quarterly, to raise said amounts, and to pay the same over to the President when he visits his work, and take his receipt for the same, and that each Superintendent report the amounts he collects and pays over to the President, at the next Annual Conference of the Georgia District.

Randolph Circuit.....	\$ 35
DeKalb Circuit.....	60
Bowdon Circuit.....	50
Tallapoosa Circuit.....	35
Henry Circuit.....	60
Gordon Circuit.....	50
Laurel Branch Circuit.....	10
Coweta Circuit.....	30
Palmetto Circuit.....	25
Hampton Station.....	15
Blooming Hill Mission.....	10
Yellow River Mission.....	5
Walton Circuit.....	40
Colored Charge.....	15

Total..... \$440

We also recommend that the following amounts be raised by the different circuits, stations and missions, to defray the expenses of delegates to the Baltimore Convention:

Randolph Circuit.....	\$ 14 00
DeKalb Circuit.....	24 00
Bowdon Circuit.....	20 00
Tallapoosa Circuit.....	14 00
Henry Circuit.....	24 00
Gordon Circuit.....	20 00
Coweta Circuit.....	12 00
Palmetto Circuit.....	10 25
Hampton Station.....	6 00
Blooming Hill Mission.....	4 00
Walton Circuit.....	16 00
Laurel Branch Circuit.....	4 00
Colored Charge.....	6 00
Total.....	\$174 25

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. MORRIS, Chairman.

The following statistical report was prepared and read by the Secretaries:

CHARGES.	No. Churches.	No. Members.	Quarterage.	Value Church Property.
Carroll Circuit.....	4	156	\$ 28 00	\$ 300
Bowdon Circuit.....	5	250	119 16	3500
Tallapoosa Circuit.....	4	160	40 00	650
Randolph Circuit.....	3	186	800
Walton Circuit.....	4	248	117 75	1200
DeKalb Circuit.....	4	261	184 89	2400
Henry Circuit.....	4	230	70 00	1000
Gordon Circuit—not received.....				
Palmetto Circuit.....	5	300	204 00	1600
Flint River Circuit.....	3	145	142 40	710
Walker Circuit—not received.....				
Laurel Branch Circuit—not received.....				
Blooming Hill Mission.....	2	94	37 50	800
Yellow River Mission.....	2	12		
Peachtree Mission.....	1	85	100 00	1000
Hampton Station.....	1	25	143 29	1439
Total.....	42	2152	\$1,186 99	\$15,399
Colored Charge.....	3	310	41 48	500

The following partial report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read and adopted:

We, your Committee on the State of the Church, beg leave to report as follows:

WHEREAS, The sentiments of the Church, so far as indicated, are overwhelmingly in favor of a General Convention in 1877; and, impressed ourselves with the desirableness of a convention at that time: therefore—

Resolved, 1. That we, the Georgia Annual Conference of the M. P. Church, now in session, do hereby join the Annual Conference of the M. P. Church of the Maryland District, in a call for a General Convention, to meet in the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, on the second Friday in May, in the year of our Lord 1877, for the purpose of making such changes in Articles II., X. and XIV. of the Constitution of the M. P. Church, as may be deemed by said convention necessary, together with such other alterations in all other articles of the Constitution and Book of Discipline, as they may judge proper, and for the further purpose of taking such action as said convention may decide to be desirable upon the basis of union agreed on by the Joint Commission of the M. P. and Methodist Churches.

Resolved, 2. That we, the Georgia Annual Conference of the M. P. Church, now in session, do proceed to elect four delegates—two ministers and two laymen—to said convention.

Resolved, 3. That the President and Secretary of this Conference are hereby required to notify the editor of the METHODIST PROTESTANT, as to the character of the vote of this Conference on these resolutions and preamble, immediately upon the close of this session.

F. H. M. HENDERSON, Chairman.

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to continue their report, as follows:

1. We have had under consideration the memorial from the Flint River Circuit, in regard to movements for a union of the Lutheran and M. P. Churches, and recommend the appointment of a committee of five ministers and five laymen, as requested in said memorial, to meet a like commission to meet at Sunny Side, on Thursday before the third Sabbath in December next.

2. We have read, with deep regret and mortification, the letter of Dr. Drinkhouse, editor of the METHODIST PROTESTANT, disclosing the fact that less than twenty-five copies of the official or-

gan are taken in our district: we therefore recommend that Superintendents be required to canvass their respective circuits for the METHODIST PROTESTANT, and be held strictly accountable for the discharge of this duty at the next Annual Conference.

3. We are highly gratified with the report of our colored brethren in charge of the M. P. Georgia Mission, colored, and recommend that work to the fostering care of the Conference.

4. We beg leave to recommend that active efforts be made to increase the quarterage paid to the ministers, who, with such heroic zeal and sacrifice, are willing to give their time to the work. We are conscious that if proper zeal is manifested, the present congregational arrangements, necessitated by straightened circumstances, can be soon superseded by a working, growing itinerancy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. H. M. HENDERSON, Chairman.

On motion, the ministers were requested to state the relation they would sustain to the Conference.

On motion, the report of Stationing Committee was read by sections, amended, and adopted:

We, the Stationing Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

President—G. W. Morris: post-office, Decatur, Georgia.

Randolph Circuit—W. J. Causey, Superintendent: post-office, Spring Vale, via Cuthbert.

Walton Circuit—R. S. McGarrity, Superintendent: post-office, Social Circle; J. W. Black, Assistant.

DeKalb Circuit—To be supplied; S. C. Masters, Assistant.

Bowdon Circuit—F. H. M. Henderson, Superintendent: post-office, Bowdon; J. A. McGarrity, Assistant.

Tallapoosa Circuit—J. A. McCalmon, Superintendent: post-office, Carrollton; T. J. Biggers, J. M. Biggers, Assistants.

Henry Circuit—J. G. Coldwell, Superintendent: post-office, Hampton Station.

Gordon Circuit—W. S. Johnson, Superintendent: post-office, Calhoun; O. Reeves, G. Harlin, Assistants; address, Calhoun, Georgia.

Palmetto Circuit—E. B. Fendley, Superintendent: post-office, Newnan; G. P. Sutherlin, Assistant.

Hampton Station—J. G. Coldwell, Superintendent.

Missionary at Large—I. G. Mitchell: post-office, 30 Garnett street, Atlanta.

Blooming Hill Mission—T. M. Smith, Superintendent: post-office, Atlanta.

Yellow River Mission—F. W. Weldon, Superintendent: post-office, Covington.

Colored Charge, Campbellton Circuit—George Barge, colored, Superintendent.

Sandy Creek Mission—J. Robison, Superintendent; Silas Montgomery, Assistant.

Henry Mission—George Houseworth, Superintendent.

Local Ministers—John Thurman, S. Moore, W. Shadrick.

Superannuates—James R. Turner, G. W. Bryant, A. Smith.

In hands of the President—J. O. A. Radford.

Left without appointment at his own request—W. B. Armstrong.

Not heard from—J. M. Langford.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

On motion, E. Morris was appointed Sabbath-school Agent.

On motion, Conference took a recess until 1 o'clock P. M.

Preaching at 11 A. M. by Rev. E. B. Fendley.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reassembled and proceeded to business.

On motion, an Electoral College was constituted by electing the following officers: G. W. Morris, Chairman; F. H. M. Henderson, J. O. A. Radford, J. C. Griffin, and R. T. Bowie, Secretary, managers.

An election was held for delegates to the General Convention, to meet at Baltimore, Maryland, on the second Friday in May, 1877, and resulted in the choice of the following brethren:

Ministers—F. H. M. Henderson, D.D., and Hon. E. Morris.

Laymen—Dr. W. D. Mitchell and Hon. C. L. Bowie, Alternates.

Ministers—W. B. Armstrong and J. O. A. Radford.

Laymen—Hon. J. B. McDaniel and J. C. Griffin.

On motion, the Electoral College was dissolved.

Regular Conference business was resumed; and, on motion, the report of the Committee on Appeals was received and adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee beg leave to state that no appeals have been taken.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. McCALMON, Chairman.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That each Superintendent is hereby required to take up a collection in his charge during the last quarter to pay the expenses of publishing the minutes and other incidental expenses of the Conference, and pay the same over to the Conference Steward at the next session of the Annual Conference.

On motion, the place of holding the next Annual Conference was voted for, and resulted in the selection of Poplar Springs, Palmetto Circuit, as the place, and Friday, 10 o'clock A. M., before the first Sabbath in November, 1877, as the time. Delegates will be met at Red Oak and East Point on the West Point Railroad.

On motion, the following committee was appointed by the President, to confer with a like commission from the Lutheran Church, for the purpose of forming a union of said church with the M. P. Church of Georgia:

Ministers—F. H. M. Henderson, E. Morris, I. G. Mitchell, J. G. Coldwell, W. B. Armstrong.

Laymen—W. P. Bryant, J. C. Griffin, H. H. Haisten, J. A. Haisten, R. F. Moore. Said committee to meet at Sunny Side, on Thursday before the third Sabbath in December next. Said committee organized by electing F. H. M. Henderson, D.D., Chairman, and Rev. J. G. Coldwell, Secretary.

On motion, Conference resolved itself into a Missionary Society, and changed the 4th Article of the Constitution of said Society, to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV. The officers of said Society shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Society, and shall be required to give bond and security for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and for the safety of all the funds that may come into his hands.

On motion, Treasurer's report for 1876 was taken up, read, and adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Permanent fund.....	\$475 80
Interest on same at 12 per cent.....	57 10
Received from Missionary Society No. 1.....	4 70
Amount received from January collections.....	40 48
Total.....	\$578 08
Paid out on draft.....	102 28
Balance on hand (Permanent fund).....	\$475 80

C. L. BOWIE, Treasurer M. S.

On motion, that the Treasurer of the Missionary Society be required to pay only 7 per cent. on the money in his hands. Carried.

On motion, that the funds of the Missionary Society be equally divided between Blooming Hill and Flint River Missions. Carried.

On motion, the present Treasurer of the Missionary Society was unanimously re-elected.

On motion, the Yellow River Mission was added to Second District. Carried.

On motion, the Chair appointed W. B. Armstrong, in place of E. Morris, on the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Missionary Society dissolved, and the business of Conference resumed.

The President appointed the following as the times for holding the district meetings for 1877:

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

No. 1. At Farmville, Carroll Circuit, Friday before the second Sabbath in August.

No. 2. At Sharon Grove, Henry Circuit, Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in July.

No. 3. At Centerville, Walton Circuit, Friday before the second Sabbath in August.

Nos. 4, 5, 6. Time and place not appointed.

The President appointed Rev. E. B. Fendley to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Annual Conference.

On motion, the following report of Conference Steward was received and adopted:

Collections to defray expenses of publishing minutes:

Walton Circuit	\$ 3 45
Gordon Circuit.....	5 00
Palmetto Circuit.....	6 00
Henry Circuit.....	3 00
Bowdon Circuit.....	5 00
Flint River Circuit.....	1 50
DeKalb Circuit.....	5 00
Peachtree Mission.....	2 00
Blooming Hill Mission.....	2 15
Yellow River Mission.....	1 00
Hampton Station.....	2 00
S. S. McGarrity.....	1 00
Public Collection.....	11 25
Colored Charge.....	5 65
Total.....	<hr/> \$55 00

Respectfully,

C. L. BOWIE, Conference Steward.

On motion, Conference voted \$10 to the Secretary for his services.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by J. B. McDaniel, and carried:

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise Providence to remove from labor to rest, our venerable and beloved brothers, R. Biggers, I. P. Hilton, John Harp, and R. S. Baker, and sisters Dorcas Masters and Margaret Baker: be it therefore—

Resolved, That a memorial service, in memory of their many Christian virtues, be held Saturday evening at 7 1-2 o'clock, and that this preamble and resolution be spread upon the Journal of this body.

The Committee on Obituaries made the following report, which was adopted:

That, in the Providence of God, no minister of the Conference has died during the present Conference year.

Respectfully submitted.

F. H. M. HENDERSON, Chairman.

On motion—

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for the kind and bountiful manner in which they have entertained the members of this Conference; and, also, to our brethren of the Baptist Church for the tender of their house of worship for the use of this Conference.

On motion, the minutes were read, corrected, and adopted as a whole.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at Poplar Springs, Palmetto Circuit, at 10 o'clock A. M. Friday before the first Sabbath in November, 1877.

G. W. MORRIS, President.

R. T. BOWIE, Secretary.

Memorial services, appointed to commence at 7 1-2 P. M., were opened by an address from Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, followed by short and appropriate addresses from several other brethren.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

Ordination sermon was preached by Rev. J. G. Coldwell at 11 o'clock A. M. Text: 2d Peter, 1st chapter, 5th to 11th, inclusive.

After which the President, assisted by Revs. J. O. A. Radford and W. B. Armstrong, proceeded to ordain Rev. J. M. McCalmon to Elder's orders.

Preaching at 7 1-2 P. M. by Rev. G. W. Morris.

After which Rev. J. G. Coldwell conducted the services of administering the Lord's Supper.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the Missionary Society of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, of the Georgia District.

ARTICLE 2. The object of this Association shall be to raise funds for the support of missionaries to travel in the bounds of said district.

ARTICLE 3. Any person contributing one dollar shall be a member of this Society, so long as they may contribute that amount annually.

ARTICLE 4. The officers of said Society shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Society, and that the Treasurer be required to give bond and security for the faithful performance of the duty of his office, and for the safety of all the funds that may come into his hands.

ARTICLE 5. This Society shall meet annually at the time and place of holding the Annual Conference. The members of the Conference shall transact the business of the Association.

ARTICLE 6. Every minister shall present the object of this Association whenever practicable, and solicit contributions to carry out its object, and pay over the same to the Treasurer.

ARTICLE 7. The funds contributed shall be employed in compensating such missionaries and preachers as shall be employed by the Society, or its authorities.

ARTICLE 8. The selection and appointment of Missionaries for the Association shall be made by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 9. There shall be an Executive Committee, consisting of six members, three ministers and three laymen, appointed by the Association, one of whom shall be President for the time being, whose duty it shall be to employ missionaries

to travel within the bounds of the district, and to define their duties, and to fix their compensation, and to pay over to them the same out of the moneys that may be in the treasury, and draw on the Treasurer for the same, and report to the Association annually all their acts and doings.

ARTICLE 10. The President and Secretary of the Conference shall, by virtue of their offices, be President and Secretary of the Association.

BY-LAWS OF THE GEORGIA DISTRICT.

I. No member shall take a seat as a member of the Conference until he has traveled under its authority, or the direction of the President, a sufficient time for a lay delegate to be constitutionally elected to take a seat with him: Provided, a lay delegate shall have been elected.

II. No layman shall be entitled to a seat in the Annual Conference without proper credentials or satisfactory evidence of his election; and, where alternates are elected, the certificates shall so express it.

III. The lay delegates to the Annual Conference shall be elected by the constitutional voters in the circuits and stations, in the following manner:

1. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to notify the Societies, at his first appointment after the third quarterly meeting, that at his next appointment the election of delegates to the Annual Conference will take place in each Society.

2. The superintendent and class-leader shall superintend the election, but, in case of the absence of the superintendent or class-leader, or both, the Society shall appoint some person or persons to superintend the election in each Society, by receiving the tickets of all the voters, who shall then count, seal up, and transmit a full list of all the names of the voters, and the number of votes given to each person voted for, by some one appointed by the Society to the next Quarterly Conference, to be opened in the presence of the Conference, counted over by the Chairman and Secretary, assisted by two laymen; and the individual or individuals having the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected, and be furnished with certificates accordingly. In case of a tie, the members of the Quarterly Conference shall decide the election by a majority of votes.

IV. The Committee on Boundaries shall so lay off the District as to give to each church Sabbath preaching, whenever practicable; and at each Conference the ministers shall be called upon to say what amount of labor they are willing to perform, and no one shall be sent more than thirty miles from home without his consent, unless he gives his whole time to the work of the ministry.

V. The Conference shall never appoint any man to itinerate, unless he intimates his willingness to labor, either verbally or by letter.

VI. It shall be the duty of ministers and preachers to read, or cause to be read, the historical preface, the second, tenth and fourteenth articles of the Constitution of the Methodist Protestant Church, once a quarter, in all our churches.

VII. The Conference will not receive into membership, or elect to orders, any preacher or minister who dissents from any of the fundamental doctrines or ordinances of our church, as set forth in our Articles of Religion.

VIII. The second article of the Constitution and the last clause of the first section of the detail Discipline, should be understood as to apply to the seekers of religion only, and that each church may admit to full membership persons applying on their profession of faith in Christ, and a knowledge of their sins forgiven.

IX. The President has no power, during recess of the Conference, to appoint any minister or preacher to a circuit or station, without consulting said circuit or station, or its authorities; unless the delegates from said circuit or station consent thereto, when the report of the Standing Committee may be adopted by the Conference.

X. It shall require a majority of all the votes of all the members present to constitute an election in the Conference.

XI. The ministers, preachers and members of the Methodist Protestant Church shall take the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper conjointly.

XII. When practicable, the ordination of our ministers shall take place on Sabbath, during the session of Conference.

XIII. In case of the death of any of our ministers in the in-

terval of Conference, it shall be the duty of the President, at the next session, to appoint some brother to preach a funeral discourse, as a tribute of respect to the deceased, at some hour during the sitting of Conference.

XIV. Each church shall elect and send up a delegate to the Quarterly Conference, or so soon thereafter as practicable, whose duty, when assembled, it shall be to apportion the preachers' salary among the churches, in proportion to their numbers and their ability to pay, and that each church appoint a Steward to collect the same. Should the peculiarity of the circuit render any other plan more efficient to carry out the object contemplated, the churches should pursue the course which to them may seem best.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. The Conference shall be opened by the President, or in his absence, by the Secretary, by reading a portion of the Scriptures, and prayer, and adjourn by singing and prayer.

II. The roll shall be called, and when a quorum is present, the journal of the preceding day shall be read, and any member may call for a reconsideration of any portion of minutes of the preceding day.

III. When any member is disposed to speak, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the President.

IV. When two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall name the person entitled to proceed.

V. All questions shall be distinctly and audibly put in this form by the President: All who are in favor of the motion say aye; those of the contrary opinion, nay; and every member of the body shall vote on all questions of business relating to the Conference, unless excused.

VI. No member shall be permitted to speak more than once, until all who wish shall have spoken; and no member shall

speaking more than fifteen minutes at each time, without the consent of the Conference.

VII. The motion shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover and seconded, if required by the President or any member.

VIII. All motions made and seconded shall be stated by the President, or, if in writing, shall be read audibly by the Secretary, before debated; and when any question is under debate, no motion shall be admitted, unless to amend, commit, adjourn, or for the previous question, provided, a standing committee shall be in order to report at any time.

IX. The last motion, most distant time and largest sum shall be first in order; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order without debate.

X. Should any member differ from the President on a rule of order, the question shall be submitted to the Conference.

XI. No member shall withdraw during business hours without leave from the President.

XII. The President shall, at all times, see that good order is preserved.

XIII. The proceedings of the Conference shall be recorded in a fair hand by the Secretary, and signed by the President and Secretary.

XIV. The Secretary shall take charge of all the books, journals, records and proceedings of the Conference, and carry or transmit the same to the Conference at its next session.

XV. The order of business, as laid down in the Discipline, shall be the order of business of this Conference.

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